GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2847
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RATION FOR ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ration for Army/Navy/Air Force Officers and jawans in Indiaand its comparative figures in developed and Asian countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2847 FOR 7-12-2000

The ration authorised for officers and personnel in the Defence Forces of India is based on dietary habits of the Indian population, nature of duties performed by the personnel in different geographical terrains, climatic conditions and the resultant calorific requirement and as advised by the medical authorities. In view of these factors, any comparison with developed and Asian countries is not appropriate. Moreover developed and Asian countries may not like to part with this information being of sensitive nature. The time and effort spent on the collection of this information may not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved. Thus this information is not being supplied. A Statement of the ration authorised to the three Armed services of India is given below : -

(in gms per day per man)

Sl No	BASIC ITEMS	Officers(Army/ Air force/Navy) Pea ce Field Scale (Below 9000 ft)	JCO's and Others (Above 9000ft)	JCO's and Sailors	Scale of ration for	Scale of ration for Air men
1	Atta/Rice	450	620	570	600	600
2	Dal	40	90	85	90	90
3	Edible Oil	80 (+ 5 above 9000 ft)	80	85	80	80
4	Sugar	90 (+78 above 9000 ft)	90	140	70	90
5	Milk Fresh	250 ml tinned-100 + Powder-28	250 ml	190 ml	190 ml	
6	Meat Fresh Dressed	260	110	110 (meat tinned 110)	180	180
7	Potato fresh	110 (+28 above 9000ft) or dried 30)	110 (tinned 80	140	110	110
8	Vegetable Fresh	170	170	170	160	160
9	Onion fresh	60	60	60	60	60
10	Tea	9 (+5 above 9000 ft)	9	14 (coffee-5)	8	8
11	Fruit Fresh Citrus	110 (issued 3 times a week)	110	60	50	50
12	Dalia and Sago	20	xx	xx	xx	xx

13	Butter	20 (+14 above 9000ft)	xx	14	14	xx
14	Condiments	20	16	16	16	16
15	Salt	20	20	21	20	20
16	Firewood	1400 (or Coal/ LPG-150)	1400 (or LPG 150)	900 (or LPG 95 kgs	1.6	As required
	LPG/kerosene gm					
17	Safetymat	2 match box per week	2 match box per week	2 match box per week	2	2 match box per week
	ch (for cook houses)					
18	Whole milk powder	28 above 9000 ft	xx 76)	28 (tinned substitute of milk)	27	OR As substit (in lieu of fresh milk)
19	Egg fresh	1 above 9000 ft (2 eggs for non-veg	xx lieu of meat	1 nos in lieu of meat	3 nos. in	3 nos in lieu
20	Dried coconut	4 above 9000 ft	xx	4	xx	xx
21	Raisins	4 above 9000 ft	xx	4	xx	xx
22	Pickles (vegetables	15 above 9000 ft	xx	15	xx	xx
23	Jam	14 above 9000 ft	xx	14	xx	xx
24	Baison	30 above 9000 ft	xx	xx	xx	xx
25	Rum	(on medical grounds)	Cash allowance above 9000 ft	Cash allowance	xx	xx
26	Vitamin 'C'	100 mgm above 9000 ft	xx	100 mgm	xx	xx
27	Compound Vitamin tablets (on medical grounds)	xx	1 nos	xx	xx	1 nos
28	Cigerette (on medical grounds)	xx	Cash allowance	Cash allowance	xx	xx
29	Biscuits	xx	xx	xx	In lieu of bread	xx